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## PUBLIC HEALTH REPORTS.

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### UNITED STATES.

[Telegrams.]

*Precautions at Matamoras against yellow fever in Mexico.*

BROWNSVILLE, TEX., *August 3, 1903.*

SECRETARY OF STATE, *Washington:*

Yellow Tampico; no precautions being taken at Matamoras opposite Brownsville, Tex.

GRIFFITH,

*U. S. Consul at Matamoras.*

AUGUST 4, 1903.

Acting Assistant Surgeon COMBE,

*Brownsville, Tex.:*

Yellow fever reported Tampico and other places in Mexico. No precautions taken at Matamoras. Wire what precautions you deem necessary at Brownsville.

WYMAN.

BROWNSVILLE, TEX., *August 7, 1903.*

SURGEON-GENERAL, *Washington:*

In company with American consul interviewed Mexican authorities to-day. They gave us assurances that they would immediately establish observation stations at San Miguel and San Fernando on the only avenues of entrance into Matamoras. No yellow fever along the Rio Grande. Will wire any developments here.

COMBE.

*Texas State quarantine against San Luis Potosi removed.*

AUSTIN, TEX., *August 9, 1903.*

SURGEON-GENERAL, *Washington:*

After thorough investigation I fail to find yellow fever in San Luis Potosi. Have removed Texas quarantine against that place. All actually infected places in Mexico will be rigidly quarantined; have detailed special inspector at San Luis Potosi. Every precaution will be taken by Texas authorities. Rigid inspection will be maintained

on frontier. Will advise you of any information this department gets and will appreciate similar courtesy from you.

TABOR,  
*State Health Officer of Texas.*

*Case of yellow fever reported at San Luis Potosi imported from Ciudad de Valles.*

The following is received from Acting Assistant Surgeon Hamilton:

SAN LUIS POTOSI, MEXICO, *August 4, 1903.*

STATE HEALTH OFFICER OF TEXAS.

There have not been any cases of yellow fever in San Luis Potosi for years, except the case of a Government medical expert who was sent to investigate yellow fever at Ciudad de Valles. He contracted the disease, came to San Luis Potosi, and died July 28, 1903.

Every possible precaution has been taken to prevent spread since the occurrence of that case. There has never been yellow fever in San Luis Potosi, except in the case of persons who contracted the disease elsewhere and came here infected, and no other persons have been infected by those cases, even those coming in daily contact with the cases.

S. E. CROSS,  
*U. S. Consular Agent.*

[Reports to the Surgeon-General Public Health and Marine-Hospital Service.]

*Summary of work in Chinatown, San Francisco, for week ended August 1, 1903.*

The following is received from Passed Assistant Surgeon Blue, at San Francisco, under date of August 3, being record of work in Chinatown for week ended August 1, 1903:

Buildings reinspected, Chinatown .....	68
Rooms reinspected, Chinatown.....	588
Buildings inspected, Latin Quarter .....	471
Persons inspected (Chinese, 644; white, 2,028).....	2,672
Sick inspected (Chinese, 33; white, 25).....	58
Sick seen and prescribed for at Oriental Dispensary.....	7
Dead examined (all Chinese) .....	10
Necropsies .....	1
Provisional diagnosis of plague.....	1
Rats examined bacteriologically.....	108
Rats showing plague infection found in Lafayette place .....	1
Places lined and disinfected, Latin Quarter.....	788
Times streets swept .....	3
Sewers flushed .....	22
Notices served to abate plumbing nuisance.....	7
Plumbing nuisances abated and undergoing abatement.....	11
Total number plumbing inspections .....	32